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Since the spring of 1954, Wismut A.G. has been known to supplier plants as a joint German-Soviet stock corporation and goes under the name of Deutsch - Sowjetische Aktiengesellschaft Wismut. The German head of the corporation is Fritz Selbmann, the East German Minister of Heavy Industry. Although letterheads and purchase orders now bear the new title in printed form, there appears to have been no change in the handling of procurement at the Siegmar-Schoenau headquarters level of Wismut. All orders for the procurement of raw materials and equipment still are issued solely by the Soviet staff. So far as Source knows, no Germans have been placed in the Siegmar-Schoenau headquarters to work side by side with the original Soviet staff. The only German participation in the Wismut organization appears to be on the Berlin ministerial level.

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